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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1 FROM: [REDACTED]
Administration Branch, CRD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Larry Pickering
on 13 January 1982

1. On 13 January 1982 Chief, Administration Branch and the writer visited Larry Pickering in his office to discuss the status of the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series. Present for part of the discussions was Sid Sober, a Near East expert who held the title of Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs before he retired from the Department. He entered the conversation specifically to discuss Volume VII, 1955-57, Arab-Israeli Dispute and The Suez Canal Crisis. Sober outlined the major diplomatic efforts of Anderson, a special advisor to the President, who headed a mission to the Middle East in which he [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] Sober strongly believes that the account of the Anderson mission should be published but also recognizes there may be a drawback to publication because of the [REDACTED] mission. He will draft a memo and send it to CRD outlining his unique and compelling reasons to print the story of Anderson's major diplomatic efforts.

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2. After Sober left the meeting Pickering said three FRUS volumes were published in 1981. For 1982, eight volumes will appear in print according to Larry. They are:

- Volume XIII, 1952-54, Indo-China
- Volume VII, 1951, Korea and China
- Volume XI, 1952-54, Africa and South Asia
- Volume V, 1952-54, Western European Security
- Volume V, 1951, Near East and Africa
- Volume I, 1952-54, General
- Volume XV, 1952-54, Korea
- Volume XII (Part 1), 1952-54, East Asian Regional Security

3. Larry cited the FRUS publication target for 1983:

- Volume II, 1952-54, National Security Affairs
- Volume XIV, 1952-54, China and Japan

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Volume IV, 1952-54, American Republics

Volume IV, 1951, Europe: Political and Economic Developments

4. The following volumes can be expected to arrive in CRD for review in 1982 or in early and mid (April) 1983:

Volume I, 1955-57, Foreign Economic Policy and United Nations (2,000 pages)

Volume III, 1955-57, American Republics (2,000 pages)

Volume IX, 1955-57, Africa and South Asia (2,288 pages)

Volume XII, 1955-57, China and Japan (2,500 pages)

Volume V, 1955-57, Summit Conference -- Germany and Austria (2,150 pages)

Volume XI, 1955-57, East Asia and Pacific (2,056 pages)

Volume II, 1955-57, National Security Affairs (2,500 pages)

The total pages to be reviewed is 15,494.

5. Pickering placed emphasis on the importance or priority of four volumes which should reach CRD later in 1982 or in 1983. These are:

Volume VII, 1955-57, Suez (Part 1 -- 2,500 pages;
Part 2 -- 2,648 pages)

Volume VI, 1955-57, Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
(2,200 pages)

Volume IV, 1955-57, Western Europe and NATO (2,400 pages)

Volume VIII, 1955-57, Near and Middle East (2,376 pages)

The total pages to be received is 12,124.

6. Larry predicted that CRD will receive for review 33,000 pages for the 1958-60 FRUS period. He did not give a date when he will send these pages to us; he only said they will arrive after the special four volumes listed above.

7. Pickering mentioned that CRD reviewers can be expected to review the micro-form project in the State Department. This is supplementary material to FRUS, a separate project, in which quite a few documents have already been declassified. This material encompasses the "Daily Secret Summary" and the "Daily Top Secret Summary" (17 cubic feet total). Another group of records to be reviewed is the "Secretary's Memoranda of Conversations" (16 cubic feet) along with the "Undersecretary's Memoranda of Conversations." There is in addition 29 cubic feet of "Conference Files" to be screened in CDC by CRD reviewers.

8. With regard to the question concerning the General Printing Office, Larry suggested that a meeting should be scheduled to include [redacted], Larry, a technical officer to accompany [redacted], Chief, CRD, and whomever Chief, CRD recommends to attend the meeting to resolve the issues of printing the FRUS series.

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